
COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS BIOGRAPHIES



CHIEF JUDGE

JOSEPH F. MURPHY, JR.

Chief Judge, Court of Special Appeals, At Large, since 1996 (Judge since July 25, 1993). Board of Directors, Maryland Judicial Institute, 1985-93, 1995-2000. Chair, Court of Appeals Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, 1996-. Member, Library Committee, State Law Library, 1997-; Maryland Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission, 1998-; Technology Oversight Board, 1999-. Member, Judicial Cabinet, 2000-; Judicial Council, Maryland Judicial Conference, 2000-.

Chair, Article 27 (crimes & punishments) Revision Committee, 1991-. Member, Code Revision Committee, 1991-.

Assistant State's Attorney, Baltimore City, 1970-75. Deputy State's Attorney, Baltimore City, 1975-76. Associate Judge, Baltimore County Circuit Court, 3rd Judicial Circuit, 1984-93. Born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, January 9, 1944. Attended St. Bernard's High School, Fitchburg, Massachusetts; Boston College, A.B., 1965; University of Maryland School of Law, J.D., 1969. Admitted to Maryland Bar, 1969. Member, Maryland State Bar Association (criminal pattern jury instructions committee, 1980-; committee on laws, 1988-; chair, criminal law section council, 1987-88). Member, Baltimore County Bar Association; Maryland State's Attorneys' Association, 1970-76; Maryland Criminal Defense Attorneys Association, 1984 (president, 1984). Instructor (evidence), University of Baltimore School of Law, 1974. Instructor (trial practice) University of Maryland School of Law, 1981-. Officer and trustee, Maryland Institute for the Continuing Professional Education of Lawyers (MICPEL), 1984-88. President, J. Dudley Digges Inn of Court, 1989-90. Author, "Oral Motions in Limine," *Litigation* (vol. 14, no. 3), Spring 1988; Maryland Evidence Handbook, 1989 (2nd ed., 1993; 3rd ed., 1999). Outstanding Part-Time Instructor Award, University of Baltimore, 1976, 1977, 1996. Robert C. Heeney Memorial Award, Maryland State Bar Association, 1990. Award for Professional Excellence, Maryland Bar Foundation, 1994. Fellow, Maryland Bar Foundation, Inc., 1984-.

SALLY DENISON ADKINS. Judge, Court of Special Appeals, 1st Appellate Circuit (Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico & Worcester counties), since June 1998. Member, Civil Law and Procedure Committee, Maryland Judicial Conference, 1997-2000. Chair, Commission on Judicial Disabilities, 1999-.

Member, Trial Court Judicial Nominating Commission, 1st Judicial Circuit, 1983-90. Member, Ethics Commission, Wicomico County, 1986-96. Member, Attorney General's Advisory Council on Family Legal Needs of Low-Income Persons (family court committee), 1991-93. Associate Judge, Wicomico County Circuit Court, 1st Judicial Circuit, 1996-98. Born in Salisbury, Maryland, January 21, 1950. Lawrence University, B.A. (philosophy), 1972; University of Maryland School of Law, J.D. (with honors), 1975. Law clerk to Judge Marvin H. Smith, Court of Appeals, 1975-76. Admitted to Maryland Bar, 1976. Adkins, Potts & Smethurst, 1976-95 (associate attorney, 1976-81; partner, 1982-96). Partner, Adkins & Allen, L.L.P., 1995-96. Member, American Bar Association; Maryland State Bar Association (past member, committee on judicial personnel issues, committee on laws); Wicomico County Bar Association (president, 1991-92); Women's Bar Association (president, eastern shore chapter, 1990-92). Board of Directors, Legal Aid Bureau, 1980-84; Coastal Hospice, Inc., 1980-88; Mid-Delmarva Family Young Men's Christian

Association (YMCA), Inc., 1981-91; E. S. Adkins & Co., 1982-96; Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Salisbury, Maryland, 1986-96; Organize, Unite, and Revitalize (OUR) Community, Inc., 1995-98. Member, Greater Salisbury Committee, Inc. 1990-97. Fellow, Maryland Bar Foundation, 1992-. Co-recipient, Rita C. Davidson Award, Women's Bar Association of Maryland, 1999. Dorothy Beatty Memorial Award for significant contributions to advancement of women's rights, Women's Law Center of Maryland, 2000.

ARRIE W. DAVIS. Judge, Court of Special Appeals, 6th Appellate Circuit (Baltimore City), since December 27, 1990. Member, Executive Committee, 1995-97, and Civil Law and Procedure Committee, 1998-, Maryland Judicial Conference. Member, State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy, 2000-; Board of Directors, Judicial Institute of Maryland, 2000-.

Bailiff to Supreme Bench of Baltimore, 1968-69. Assistant State's Attorney, Baltimore City, 1970-71. Assistant attorney general, Criminal Appeals Division, 1971-79; counsel to Division of Correction, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, 1979-81. Associate Judge, District Court of Maryland, District 1, Baltimore City, 1981-83. Associate Judge, Baltimore City Circuit Court, 8th Judicial Circuit, 1983-90. Member, Committee to Study Sentencing and Correctional Alternatives for Women Convicted of Crime, 1987-88. Member, Legislative Subcommittee,